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### Meany Promises Probe of Funds

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MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 27. —

George Meany has promised to investigate personally, charges that some AFL-CIO unions and officials have received Central Intelligence Agency funds.

Obviously nettled by newspaper reports of such dealings, Mr. Meany denied them vigorously. He appeared particularly sensitive about a recent column charging that Jay Lovestone, Mr. Meany's long-time adviser on international

affairs, had been a conveyor belt for CIA funds to foreign labor groups.

With a shaking voice and a stabbing index finger for emphasis, Mr. Meany declared:

"Here's something to put in your pipe. You can turn this thing upside down, but no matter how you look at it, Jay Lovestone has nothing to do with the CIA and never has. That you can bet on."

The column also listed Irving Brown, veteran AFL-CIO representative abroad, as another conduit for CIA money. Mr. Meany made no disclaimer for him, when asked whether his remarks about Mr. Lovestone also applied to Mr. Brown.

"My remarks were in reference to Jay Lovestone," said the AFL-CIO head cryptically.